

## READY TO LAY KEEL OF GREAT WARSHIP

The New York, Building at the New York Navy Yard, to Be Distinctive in Type.

### POWERFUL MAIN BATTERIES

To Carry Ten 14-Inch Guns Mounted in Five Turrets.

New York, September 10.—The keel of the Dreadnought New York, which in size will be surpassed only by the two new Argentine battleships, one of which, the Rivadavia, was launched at Fore River last week, but which, so far as offensive and defensive fighting strength is concerned, will be one of the two most powerful ever built for the American or any other navy, will be laid at the New York Navy Yard, in Brooklyn, to-morrow. The New York, with her sister ship, the Texas, which is being built at Newport News, Va., will have the distinction of being the first two vessels ever built whose main batteries will consist of fourteen-inch guns, each ship carrying ten of those guns, mounted in five turrets. The turrets will be so arranged that every one of the fourteen-inch guns can be fired at the same time from either broadside.

The laying of the keel of the New York will be a simple ceremony and will not be made the occasion of any demonstration. Within one year the naval constructors who are to have charge of the construction of the new Dreadnought expect to have her ready for launching, and that event will be one of the biggest naval affairs held in this city since the triumphant return of Dewey's flagship Olympia from Manila. Governor Dix will undoubtedly have the privilege of naming the young woman who will smash the bottle of wine against the bow of the Dreadnought as she slips down the ways into the water.

The official sketch of the New York shows a splendid battleship of low freeboard, with three fourteen-inch turrets aft and two forward. Two masts of the wire screen type will be installed, and there will be two funnels between them.

The arrangement of the New York's great turrets has been approved by some of the best battleship designers and constructors in Europe, and it was said at the navy yard the other day that Great Britain is expected to follow the plan of arrangement in the new Dreadnoughts she is about to lay down. While the Argentine Dreadnoughts of the Rivadavia type will be larger in tonnage displacement than will the New York, the difference in size is so small as to make them practically of equal strength. The New York will have a normal displacement of 21,000 tons, which is just 500 tons less than the displacement of the Rivadavia.

In addition to her main battery of fourteen-inch guns, the New York will also carry twenty-one five-inch guns, four three-pounders, two two-pounders, two machine and two three-inch field guns. She will also be fitted with four twenty-inch torpedo tubes. The vessel, fitted with the latest type of Parsons turbines, the same type of turbines used in the Lusitania and Mauretania, and her contracts call for a speed of twenty-one knots an hour. She is expected to be well on her way to completion by January of 1913.

While the New York and Texas are now the largest and most powerful vessels now building for the United States Navy, it is probable that months before either of those ships are launched two other Dreadnoughts of greater tonnage and more powerful battery power will have been begun by the navy. Those two ships, instead of ten fourteen-inch guns, mounted in five turrets, three to at least two of them and two each in the other remaining turrets. The tonnage of these ships will be greater than that of any other battleship now building or authorized by any navy.

Almost ready for service are the Arkansas and Wyoming, Dreadnoughts of 26,400 tons displacement, mounting twelve twelve-inch guns in six turrets. The Wyoming is expected to be the flagship of Rear-Admiral Osterhaus, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet.

In that event the Wyoming will take the place of the battleship Connecticut, for several years past and during the voyage around the world the flagship of the fleet. With the commissioning of the Wyoming and Arkansas it is believed that an entirely new first division of the fleet will be organized, to consist of those two ships and the other new Dreadnoughts, the Florida and Utah. The Utah was commissioned

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## 106 YEARS OLD; NO BATH IN 20 YEARS

"I'm Not Meaning to Kill Myself Now," She Said When Nurse Suggested It to Her.

Denver, September 10.—"The first person whom I shall visit this morning," said the visiting nurse, "is a woman who is one hundred and six years old. She's really a living curiosity, she's so old and yet so alive. Her son, who is her only child, and who takes entire care of her, sent for me the other day to come and see her. 'Would you like to have a nurse come and care for you every day?' I asked.

"'Dinna care,' she replied in broad brogue. 'Only she must not be high-nown. That I can't abide.' 'Well, wouldn't you like a nice bath?' 'Go on wild yese, gur-r. I've had no bath in these twenty years, and I'm not meaning to kill myself now.' 'The old lady is quite well, despite her burden of years, and is suffering from no worse complaint than old age.' 'There's another old woman whose little granddaughter died last week. I wasn't called in until the child was nearly gone. I saw at once that it was merely a case of malnutrition, but it was too late to do anything. When I asked the woman why she hadn't fed the child properly she drew a long face and looked at me reproachfully.

"Shure and how is a busy woman to be always thinking of the child?" she demanded. 'Isn't it meelf that has a garden to care for and a cow to feed, not to mention chickens and ducks to look after? Shure, I'm so kind and bones.' 'The people that I'm most interested in, though, are two poor whites from down in Kentucky. The man used to be a cowpuncher in Idaho, and after he had made a good start he went back home for his bride, who was an o. playmate. Everything promised well until he was suddenly taken with asthma, and now he has to lie up for several years. His little wife makes a living by doing laundry work at \$1 a day, but they have a mighty hard time of it. He is trying to teach himself to read from the Bible, which is the only book they own."

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers Monday afternoon or night; Tuesday, probably fair, light, variable winds. North Carolina—Generally fair, except probably local thunder showers Monday and Tuesday; light, variable winds.

SPECIAL LOCAL DATA FOR YESTERDAY.

12 noon temperature..... 82  
2 P. M. temperature..... 86  
Maximum temperature up to 8  
P. M. temperature..... 86  
Minimum temperature up to 8  
P. M. temperature..... 69  
Mean temperature..... 78  
Normal temperature..... 72  
Excess in temperature..... 6  
Deficiency in temperature since March 1..... 81  
Since January 1..... 93  
Rainfall last twenty-four hours..... .06  
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1..... 6.95  
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... 7.22

LOCAL OBSERVATION 8 P. M. YESTERDAY.

Temperature..... 78  
Humidity..... 73  
Wind direction..... N. E.  
Wind velocity..... 0  
Weather..... Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place..... Ther. H.T. L.T. Weather.  
Asheville..... 72 84 64 P. cloudy  
Atlanta..... 84 90 74 Clear  
Atlantic City..... 72 78 68 Clear  
Boston..... 72 80 64 Clear  
Buffalo..... 68 72 62 Cloudy  
Baltimore..... 70 78 68 Clear  
Chicago..... 68 76 68 Cloudy  
Duluth..... 64 76 58 Clear  
Galveston..... 84 90 84 Clear  
Hartford..... 78 86 78 Clear  
Havre..... 74 78 68 Clear  
Jacksonville..... 80 92 78 Clear  
Kansas City..... 72 74 66 Cloudy  
Louisville..... 74 80 70 Rain  
Montgomery..... 86 92 76 P. cloudy  
New Orleans..... 84 90 80 Clear  
New York..... 74 82 64 Clear  
Norfolk..... 72 78 68 Clear  
Oklahoma..... 84 92 72 Clear  
Pittsburgh..... 78 82 64 Cloudy  
Raleigh..... 82 88 76 Clear  
St. Louis..... 74 78 72 P. cloudy  
St. Paul..... 74 78 68 Clear  
San Francisco..... 60 64 52 Clear  
Savannah..... 80 88 76 Clear  
Spokane..... 72 78 68 Clear  
Tampa..... 80 92 76 Clear  
Washington..... 78 86 70 Clear  
Winnipeg..... 72 78 64 Clear  
Wichita..... 72 84 66 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC. September 11, 1911. HIGH TIDE.

Sun rises..... 5:49 Morning..... 6:07  
Sun sets..... 6:25 Evening..... 6:27

"The Clansman" Revival Is Coming

## MANY CHANGES IN ATLANTIC FLEET

Numerous Commanders of Battleships to Be Shifted at Reorganization.

### TARGET PRACTICE OVER

Captain William F. Fullam, of the Mississippi, to Command Chicago Naval Station.

Old Point Comfort, Va., September 10.—With the relaxation incident to the practical completion of target practice officers are speculating as to the many changes to take place in division and individual ship commanders. The commander-in-chief and his staff will, of course, remain when the final reorganization of the Atlantic fleet with twenty-one battleships is put into operation before January 1.

Rear-Admiral Ridger, commanding the second division, will undoubtedly remain in his present command. It is also possible that Rear-Admiral Howard will remain after taking over the third division and second squadron, but he has put in practically all of his sea service as a division commander. Rear-Admiral Staunton, commanding the fifth division, will probably be succeeded shortly.

For divisional commanders those most mentioned are Rear Admiral R. E. Nicholson, chief of the Bureau of Navigation; Rear-Admiral Austin M. Knight, president of the Special Board on Naval Ordnance at Washington, and Rear-Admiral Bradley A. Flake, a member of the General Board and of the Joint Army and Navy Board. Changes in the command of battleships will be numerous. It is said that Captain M. B. Wilson, now assistant to the chief of the Bureau of Navigation, will get the Delaware in the first division.

With the exception of Captain J. A. Hoogewerf, of the Kansas, it is probable that every command of the second division will be changed. Captain Walter McLean, of the Vermont, has already applied for transfer. Captain Albert G. Winterhalter, of the Louisiana, Captain A. F. Fitcher, of the South Carolina, and Captain Thomas S. Rodgers, of the New Hampshire, have all practically put in their full tour of present sea duty.

### Captain Fullam Goes to Chicago.

In the third division, Captain Harry McI. P. Hughes, captain of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, is mentioned as a possible successor to Captain Herbert O. Dunn, of the Iowa. Captain William F. Fullam, of the Mississippi, will shortly be relieved to take charge of the new naval station at North Chicago, Ill. Captain Fullam, from the long experience as commandant of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, was specially chosen for this billet. He is well known as a strict disciplinarian as well as a splendid instructor.

There is no more strict disciplinarian in the United States Navy than Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet. When officers begin to disregard small ways "the sacredness of the quarterdeck" and men become lax in the observance of many of the ship's regulations, they find that their commander-in-chief is observing and demands strict adherence to them. This has been the case during the present autumn target practice.

Many of the niceties observed in port are not required at sea when work is the order. This, however, does not mean that carelessness is permitted. Rear Admiral Osterhaus observed from his flagship, the Connecticut, that officers on board as well as on other ships of the fleet, would sometimes forget and stroll to the starboard side of the quarterdeck with a lighted cigarette or cigar. Others would sit down on the bits on the port side of the quarterdeck in their leisure moments.

Both of these are almost considered sacrilege. He lost no time in sending a general circular to all commanding officers requesting that the sacredness of the quarterdeck be observed, and that officers refrain, during the day, from sitting on the quarterdeck. The circular also got after the enlisted men. They were ordered to refrain from smoking in the boats, on top of turrets, on the bridges, in boats hanging in davits, and were also instructed to be more cleanly in their personal appearance.

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positions and anchorage on the south side of the grounds, navigating officers and that after long runs they are put to considerable effort finding the exact location of the various day and night anchorages. This has led to the usual discussion in the ward room mess, and a definite suggestion has materialized as a result.

It is that the aid of the government lighthouse service should be solicited by the Navy Department. It is suggested that some type of powerful buoy, such as used by the lighthouse service, should be installed at the day rendezvous and others at each of the night rendezvous.

### KING ALFONSO SNUBBED BY MUSIC HALL DANCER

Wouldn't Play Second Fiddle, She Said, Even for Fiddle Monarch.

Madrid, September 10.—There's a pretty little piece of gossip going the rounds just now, which seems to show that King Alfonso is as fickle a gay young monarch as he is gallant. And that the royal gallant was snubbed by the fair dame only adds interest to the story.

The King, so the story goes, has been extremely attentive to Judith Pons, comic opera singer and star of the Theatre de la Comedia. It is even suspected that the charming comedienne was at Cowes while her royal admirer was at the regatta, and that she was one of the party on the Duke of Westminster's yacht when the King and the duke sailed to the New Forest, and had quiet picnics in that royal hunting demesne.

Now, it appears, he has been stricken by the charms of "La Fornarina," a music hall dancer, who is clever and a tremendous favorite with her audiences. It was this fair young woman who a short time back accepted an invitation to dine with the king and his suite at the very exclusive club, the Casino de Madrid, which resulted in their expulsion.

Anyhow, gossip says King Alfonso sent an invitation to "La Fornarina" for a supper, and included in his missive two 1,000 peseta notes—\$500 in all. But the haughty music hall star replied that while she was highly honored by the King's attention, she is not in the habit of "playing second fiddle" to any one—Senora Judith being the "first fiddle," of course.

So "La Fornarina" declined His Majesty's invitation, thanked him gracefully for the \$500 and told him she would give the money to a charitable institution.



She's Coming to America

THE FRENCH singer and dancer, who has for America this month, under contract to do a vaudeville "turn," Mlle. Deslys has earned a place in the popular history of the world. It is she who is blamed by the Portuguese monarchists for the loss by King Manuel of his throne. He is said to have been so infatuated with her that he neglected state affairs.

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## News of Petersburg.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., September 10.

The congregation of the First Baptist Church, after the morning service to-day appointed a committee of fifty-five officers and members to consider the call of a pastor to succeed the Rev. W. C. Taylor, D. D. The committee will meet in the church next Sunday afternoon to act in the matter. As far as known no names have been suggested. The appointment of so large a committee was due to the desire to have the congregation fully represented in the choice of a pastor.

Close Contests. The official count of the votes polled in the primary election in the senatorial district of Petersburg and Dinwiddie county, as announced by the commissioners yesterday, gave P. H. Drewry twenty-one majority over John Y. Harris. Mr. Drewry will therefore be the next State Senator from the Petersburg district, and his companion in the House of Delegates will be Robert Gilliam, Jr. Both will be new members of the Legislature, and both are new to legislative experience.

Another close contest was that for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney in Prince George. The official count on Saturday gave the nomination to Judge Timothy Rives by four majorities over his opponent, David Harrison, Jr.

Prince George S. S. Convention. The annual convention of the Prince George Sunday schools, held at the county courthouse the past week, attracted a large and representative assemblage—the largest in the history of the association. The association embraces the protestant schools of all denominations, which work together in harmony. The address of welcome was delivered by David Harrison, Jr., a young attorney and recent graduate of the University of Virginia. An address was delivered by the Rev. D. H. Rolston, of this city, and encouraging reports were received from all of the schools.

Meeting of Aldermen. The Board of Aldermen will meet in regular session to-morrow night, but its business will be confined mainly to consideration of matters passed upon by the lower branch last week.

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